



## **STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD**

Highlights from September 14, 2010 Meeting

(Approved motions are in yellow)

### **CWI Grants**

2009 Grants- 5 Districts are sending in final reports; all others are completed. 2006, 2007 and 2008 Grants are complete.

### **2011 Grants Program**

Applications due Oct 15. Note: \$1,000 partnership incentive does not have to be used as part of the funding for a partnership event/project, this is just an incentive for the SWCDs to work together. **The Grants Committee has been empowered to receive, review and award grants.** Committee will report to Board in November meeting.

### **CREP**

CREP is now open to all 11 watersheds. Changes with CREP—all practices will be same as original CREP. There are some specific engineering criteria that now must be met for CP23 and CP23a (wetlands). To qualify for a CREP CP21 (filterstrip) the site must meet the FOTG 393 standard.

### **Clean Water Indiana Budget**

Previously discussed budget changes have occurred; CWI only supports 11 staff, CCSI has been raised to \$89,000, \$920,000 for AFRs, \$660,000 for CREP (which includes \$60,000 administration costs), \$67,500 for retiree costs and grant administration fees, \$10,962 for board costs, and CWI 2011 grants \$644,000.

### **Ohio County SWCD**

Board members and Association representatives met with the Ohio County SWCD Board to discuss last year's AFR request. District Support Specialist is working with the Auditor to review and resubmit the 2009 AFR.

### **SSCB Report**

Bob Eddleman is serving on a committee currently working on setting up a Training Needs Inventory, concentrating on what training/skills should be required for various levels of work.

Nola Gentry noted 5 Ivy Tech campuses have added Ag programs, which could be a training resource.



### **Business Plan Key Actions for 2010**

A key action for accomplishing goals in the business plan is solidifying partnerships with other State agencies and Conservation groups, as well as improving communications.

### **Technical staff**

Sharepoint data highlights from 23 Resource Specialists:

51 counties, 236 individuals served

16,353 farm land acres affected

390 practices involved

2,226 practice acres involved

### **DSS Update**

Some districts have received information requiring districts to maintain a physical ledger for accounting, rather than software program, such as QuickBooks. This information contradicts previous instruction. ISDA will contact State Board of Accounts for clarification.

### **Agricultural Affairs**

ISDA received CIG grant from USDA/NRCS \$150,000 per year for 3 years. Pilot group for On Farm Network includes 17 producers and 41 fields. Thus far these fields have had the aerial imagery flown and corn stalk testing has been completed.

### **IASWCD**

District showcase tours

Steuben County October 7

Allen County October 8

Delaware County October 14

### **Upcoming Dates**

October 15 - deadline for 2011 CWI grant applications

November 1 - Election Committee due

November 1 - Recommendations for Supervisor Appointment due

November 9 – SSCB Meeting, Indianapolis

December 1 - District annual meeting information due

September 30 - 2010 CWI grants midterm reports

January 10-12 Annual Conference